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STRAFFORD MAN INDICTED FOR SEXUAL EXPLOITATION, CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a Strafford, Mo., man, has been indicted by a federal grand jury for sexual exploitation of a child for the purpose of producing child pornography.

Danny G. Wolfe, 39, of Strafford, was charged in a four-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield on Jan. 26, 2004. That indictment, which was returned under seal, was unsealed and made public today upon **Wolfe's** arrest and initial court appearance. The government seeks to have **Wolfe** detained in federal custody, Graves said. A detention hearing and arraignment is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 30, 2004.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that, beginning as early as 2001 and continuing until September 2003, **Wolfe** enticed a minor, whom he had transported across state lines for that purpose, to engage in sexually explicit conduct, for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of such conduct.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Wolfe** was in possession of computer disks and photographs containing images of child pornography on Sept. 5, 2003, in Greene County, Mo.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Wolfe** was in possession of computer hard drives and computer disks containing child pornography on Sept. 30, 2003, in Greene County.

Count Four of the federal indictment is a forfeiture count, which would require **Wolfe** to forfeit to the United States any matter containing child pornography, any property constituting or traceable to the proceeds of the alleged violations, and any property used to commit the alleged

violations. The forfeiture includes the following items removed from a semi-truck owned by TRL Trucking Company in Mount Vernon, Mo., which formerly employed **Wolfe** as a driver: 155 floppy disks, 74 commercial compact disks, two audio books on tape, eight commercial VCR movies, 34 recordable compact disks. The forfeiture count also includes two HP Pavilion computers and two digital cameras removed from **Wolfe's** residence on Sept. 30, 2003.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard E. Monroe. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Mount Vernon, Mo., Police Department, and the Strafford, Mo., Police Department, with the assistance of the Missouri Division of Family Services.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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